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**California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)**  
**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**AERC.com, Inc.**  
**(also known as Mercury Technologies International, L.P.)**  
**30677 Huntwood Avenue, Hayward, California**

**Public Comment Period: June 29, 2004 – July 30, 2004**

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is requesting public comments on the CEQA proposed Negative Declaration for a Class 2 Permit Modification at the AERC.com, Inc. (AERC) facility, also known as Mercury Technologies International, L.P. AERC is a hazardous waste management facility authorized to recycle used fluorescent lamps and high intensity discharge (HID) lamps, such as mercury vapor, metal halide, and high-pressure sodium lamps.

As part of the permit modification process, DTSC evaluates environmental impacts under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). An Initial Study was done which found that the proposed changes in AERC's hazardous waste management activities will not have a significant impact on the environment. Therefore, DTSC is proposing that the Negative Declaration be issued and the Class 2 permit modification be approved. The Draft Negative Declaration and Initial Study are available for public review at the following locations:

Hayward Public Library, Weekes Branch  
27300 Patrick Avenue  
Hayward, California 94544  
(510) 782-2155

DTSC Berkeley Office  
700 Heinz Avenue  
Berkeley, California 94170  
(510) 540-3779

AERC originally made the request to change the name from Mercury Technologies International, L.P. to AERC.com, Inc. in February, 2001. (There was no change in ownership.) DTSC cited AERC for hazardous waste violations at the Hayward facility, which included not notifying DTSC of installing and operating a new lamp crushing system and receiving and storing wastes not authorized in its permit. DTSC issued a Consent Order requiring these violations be corrected and that AERC submit a Class 2 Permit Modification application to DTSC. AERC was assessed a \$76,500 civil penalty for the violations. The violations have subsequently been corrected.

DTSC received requests to make changes to AERC's facility operations under a Class 2

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Permit Modification to the original 1997 Standardized Hazardous Waste Facility Permit, pursuant to section 66270.42 (b) of Title 22, California Code of Regulations . AERC held a 60-day public comment period from March 29, 2004 to May 20, 2004 and held a public meeting on April 20, 2004. No public comments were received on the Class 2 Permit Modification.

The changes requested in AERC's draft Class 2 Permit modification include:

- 1) change the facility name and layout;
- 2) authorize the use of a new lamp crusher;
- 3) update the cost estimate for closure;
- 4) clarify processing procedures for High Intensity Discharge (HID) lamps;
- 5) authorize the combination of crushed glass and metal, and eliminate testing of lead;
- 6) accept additional hazardous waste streams; and
- 7) specify the storage capacity of fluorescent and HID lamps.

DTSC invites written comments on the Draft Negative Declaration during the public comment period, which runs from June 29, 2004 to July 30, 2004. Please send written comments to: Jennifer Smith Grubb, Project Manager, DTSC, 700 Heinz Avenue, Berkeley, California 94710-2721. You may contact her at (510) 540-3779 or by email at [jsmith2@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:jsmith2@dtsc.ca.gov). You may also contact Rachelle Maricq, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, (510) 540-3910 or by email at [rmaricq@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:rmaricq@dtsc.ca.gov). For media questions, contact DTSC Public Information Officer, Angela Blanchette, (510) 540-3732 or by email at [ablanche@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:ablanche@dtsc.ca.gov).